Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 248 Princeton, MA 01541 (978) 464-2987

2010

TRAIL USE GUIDELINES

- Stay on designated trails and roads. • Observe all posted rules and regulations.
- No hiking on downhill ski trails except
- at designated crossings.
- Be alert for other trail users.
- Be aware of hunting seasons and wear blaze orange when appropriate.
- Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) and snowmobiles are prohibited.

LEGEND Wachusett Mountain P State Reservation Other Open-Space (Public or Non-Profit) Paved Road

Unpaved Road

···· Trail • • • • • Midstate Trail Summit Trail

Trails merge

Wetland Brook, River Pond, Lake, Bay Midstate/Summit Contour Line (10' Interval) Park Headquarters & Visitors Center

Parking

Picnic Area

Scenic Vista

Closed Gate*

Town Boundary

Information Kiosk

* Gates are in place to discourage motor vehicle use. All other trail users are welcome to travel beyond gate.



TRAIL INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIONS

Hiking trails at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation are marked with Blue triangles. Trails commonly have steep, rough and rocky sections, and may be slippery or muddy at any time of the year. Sections of trails may be closed periodically. Use of the hiking trails at the Reservation is limited to hiking, snow-shoeing, cross country skiing, and horseback riding. Vehicular use, including bicycling, is prohibited on the hiking trails. Bicycling is permitted on all of the Reservation roadways.

Part of the Mid State Trail is within the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation. The Mid State Trail stretches 92 miles from New Hampshire to Rhode Island, and is marked with Yellow triangles. From the North, the Mid State Trail crosses the Reservation by way of the Balance Rock, Old Indian, Semuhenna, West Side, Old Indian, Mountain House, Link, Harrington, and Dickens Trails. Information on trail length, average one-way hiking trip duration, access locations, and elevation change are listed in the following descriptions.

SUMMIT ACCESS TRAILS

- Harrington Trail 1.4 mi. (1hr. 30 min.) Trailhead at Westminster Rd. across from Dickens Trail. Intersects the Stage Coach, Lower Link, Semuhenna, and Link Trails, and West and Administration Rds. 750 ft. elevation change.
- Mountain House Trail .9 mi. (45 min.) Trailhead at Mountain Rd. across from Gregory Rd. Intersects the Bicentennial, Loop, Jack Frost, and Link Trails. 740 ft. elevation change.
- Old Indian Trail 1.2 mi. (1 hr. 30 min.) Trailhead at Balance Rock Rd. across from Balance Rock Trail. Intersects the Semuhenna and West Side Trails. 750 ft. elevation change.
- Pine Hill Trail .5 mi. (30 min.) Trailhead at the Bicentennial Trail near the Visitor Center. 600 ft. elevation change.

CONNECTOR TRAILS

- Balance Rock Trail .4 mi. (20 min.) Connects the Ski Area Lodge Parking lot to Balance Rock Rd. 180 ft. elev. change.
- Bicentennial Trail 1.0 mi. (1 hr.) Connects the Visitors Center to the Pine Hill, Loop, Mountain House, and High Meadow Trails. 200 ft. elevation change.
- Bolton Pond Trail .6 mi. (30 min.) Connects Bolton Rd. to the Balance Rock Trail. 270 ft. elevation change.
- Dickens Trail .8 mi. (30 min.) Connects the Harrington Trail at Westminster Rd. to the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Wachusett Meadows Sanctuary. 45 ft. elevation
- Donbrowo Trail 0.6 mi. (30 min.) Connects the Visitors Center with the Ski Area Lodge. 270 ft. elevation change.
- Echo Lake Trail .4 mi. (15 min.) Connects Westminster Rd. to the Echo Lake Road. 80 ft. elevation change.
- High Meadow Trail .4 mi. (30 min.) Connects Echo Lake Rd. to the Bicentennial and Jack Frost Trails. 520 ft. elevation change.
- Jack Frost Trail .7 mi. (45 min.) Connects Administration Rd. to the Lower Link, High Meadow, and Mountain House Trails. 600 ft. elevation change.
- Link Trail .1 mi. (10 min.) Connects the Harrington Trail with the Mountain House Trail. 100 ft. elevation change.
- Loop Trail .4 mi. (30 min.) Connects the Bicentennial Trail with the Mountain House Trail. 300 ft. elevation
- Lower Link Trail .3 mi. (15 min.) Connects the Jack Frost Trail with the Harrington Trail. 65 ft. elevation change
- Semuhenna Trail 1.1 mi. (1 hr.) Connects the Old Indian, West Side, and Harrington Trails. 330 ft. elevation change.
- Stage Coach Trail .5 mi. (20 min.) Connects Westminster Rd. with the Harrington Trail. 180 ft. elevation change.
- West Side Trail 1.0 mi. (1 hr. 15 min.) Connects West Princeton Rd. with the Semuhenna and Old Indian Trails. 410 ft. elevation change.

INTERIOR UNPAVED ROADWAYS

- Administration Road 1.0 mi. Connects Westminster Rd. with the Summit Access Road. Intersects the Echo Lake and West Rds., and the Jack Frost and Harrington Trails.
- Balance Rock Road 1.4 mi. Connects Mountain Rd. with the North Rd. Intersects the Donbrowo, Balance Rock, and Old Indian Trails.
- Echo Lake Road .7 mi. Connects Mountain Rd. with the Administration Rd. Intersects the High Meadow and Echo Lake Trails.
- North Road .7 mi. Connects West Princeton Rd. with the Summit Access Rd. Intersects the Balance Rock Rd.
- West Road 1.1 mi. Connects West Princeton Rd. with the Administration Rd. Intersects the Harrington Trail and Old Indian Trails. 410 ft. elevation change.

INTERIOR PAVED ROADWAYS

• Summit Access Road - 4.8 mi. (3.1 mi. up, 1.7 mi. down) Entrance at the Park Visitor Center on Mountain Rd. (Seasonally open to automobile use).

